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SUBJECT: PETROLEUM: POSSIBLE RESUMPTION OF OFF-SHORE
EXPLORATION

1. EMB HAS HEARD REPORT THAT BRITISH FIRM, GEOPHYSICAL SURVEYS, PLANING CONDUCT IN NEAR FUTURE OFF-SHORE PETROLEUM SURVEY IN LIBERIAN TERRITORIAL WATERS. WORK BOATS AND OTHER EQUIPMENT WILL BE FURNISHED BY ANOTHER BRITISH COMPANY, OFFSHORE MARINE, LTD. REPRESENTATIVE LATTER FIRM REPORTEDLY IN MONROVIA LAST WEEK FOR LOOK AT CONDITIONS. CHIEF GOL GEOLOGICAL SURVEY HAS CONFIRMED BRITISH "EXPRESSION OF INTEREST" IN EXPLORATORY SURVEY.

2. GEOPHYSICAL SURVEYS PROBABLY CONDUCTING SURVEY ON BEHALF OIL PRODUCER BUT EMB UNABLE DETERMINE SPONSOR'S IDENTITY.

3. COMMENT: ASHLAND/AMOCO ONLY U.S. FIRM KOWN BE STILL HOLDING OFF-SHORE CONCESSION FROM GOL. FROM TELECON WITH GOL GEOLOGICAL SURVEY CHIEF APPEARS SURVEY WOULD BE CONDUCTED IN AREA ABANDONED BY OTHER CONCESSIONAIRE OR
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CONCESSIONAIRES.

4. FOR LONDON: EMB WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION
AVAILABLE CONFIRMING REPORT SURVEY BE CONDUCTED AND
IDENTIFYING COMPANY BACKING STUDY.
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